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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of playing a bingo-type game, said method comprising the steps of:

5 generating a result of the bingo-type game; and
displaying a representation of the result through a mechanical technological aid at an electronic play station.

2. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the mechanical technological aid includes one or more mechanical spinning reel.

10 3. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the mechanical technological aid is selected from the group of one or more mechanical spinning reel, one or more mechanical spinning wheel, one or more mechanical die, one or more mechanical playing card, and combinations thereof.

4. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the step of generating the result of
15 the bingo-type game comprises the step of creating a bingo card.

5. A method as set forth in claim 4 wherein the step of generating the result of the bingo-type game further comprises the step of generating at least one called number.

6. A method as set forth in claim 5 wherein the step of generating the result of the bingo-type game further comprises the step of reporting the at least one called number
20 to the electronic play station for comparison to the bingo card after the at least one called number has been generated.

7. A method as set forth in claim 5 wherein the step of generating at least one called number comprises generating a plurality of called numbers.

8. A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein the called numbers are generated at
25 the same time.

9. A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein the called numbers are generated in succession.

10. A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein the step of generating the result of the bingo-type game further comprises the step of determining whether the called numbers
30 establish a game-ending pattern on the bingo card.

11. A method as set forth in claim 10 wherein the step of displaying the representation of the result through the mechanical technological aid comprises the step of displaying a representation of the result through a mechanical technological aid in response to determining whether the game-ending pattern has been established on the bingo card.

5 12. A method as set forth in claim 11 further comprising the step of awarding a game-ending prize in response to determining whether the game-ending pattern has been established on the bingo card.

13. A method as set forth in claim 12 further comprising the step of requiring a daubing of the game-ending pattern prior to awarding the game-ending prize.

10 14. A method as set forth in claim 12 further comprising the step of providing an auto-daubing option prior to awarding the game-ending prize.

15 15. A method as set forth in claim 11 further comprising the step of ending the bingo-type game in response to determining whether the game-ending pattern has been established on the bingo card.

16 16. A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein the step of generating the result of the bingo-type game further comprises the step of determining whether the called numbers establish an interim pattern on the bingo card.

20 17. A method as set forth in claim 16 wherein the step of displaying the representation of the result through the mechanical technological aid comprises the step of displaying a representation of the result through a mechanical technological aid in response to determining whether the interim pattern has been established on the bingo card.

18. A method as set forth in claim 17 further comprising the step of awarding an interim prize in response to determining whether the interim pattern has been established on the bingo card.

25 19. A method as set forth in claim 18 further comprising the step of requiring a daubing of the interim pattern prior to awarding the interim prize.

20. A method as set forth in claim 18 further comprising the step of providing an auto-daubing option prior to awarding the interim prize.

30 21. A method as set forth in claim 1 further comprising the step of determining whether a plurality of players are playing the bingo-type game prior to generating the result

of the bingo-type game.

22. A method of playing a bingo-type game, said method comprising the steps of:

creating a bingo card;

5 generating at least one called number;

determining whether the at least one called number establishes at least one of a game-ending pattern or an interim pattern on the bingo card;

generating a result of the bingo-type game correlating to the determination of whether the at least one called number establishes at least one of the patterns; and

10 displaying a representation of the result through a mechanical technological aid at an electronic play station.

23. A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the mechanical technological aid includes one or more mechanical spinning reel.

24. A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the mechanical technological aid
15 is selected from the group of one or more mechanical spinning reel, one or more mechanical spinning wheel, one or more mechanical die, one or more mechanical playing card, and combinations thereof.

25. A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the step of generating the result of the bingo-type game further comprises the step of reporting the at least one called number
20 to the electronic play station for comparison to the bingo card after the at least one called number has been generated.

26. A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the step of generating at least one called number comprises generating a plurality of called numbers.

27. A method as set forth in claim 26 wherein the called numbers are generated
25 at the same time.

28. A method as set forth in claim 26 wherein the called numbers are generated in succession.

29. A method as set forth in claim 22 further comprising the step of awarding a prize in response to determining whether the game-ending pattern or the interim pattern has
30 been established on the bingo card.

30. A method as set forth in claim 29 further comprising the step of requiring a daubing of the game-ending pattern or the interim pattern prior to awarding the prize.

31. A method as set forth in claim 29 further comprising the step of providing an auto-daubing option prior to awarding the prize.

32. An apparatus for playing a bingo-type game, said apparatus comprising:
a server for generating at least one called number that correlates to a result of said
bingo-type game; and

an electronic play station in operative communication with said server and
5 comprising a mechanical technological aid for displaying a representation of said result of
said bingo-type game.

33. An apparatus as set forth in claim 32 wherein said server creates a bingo
card and communicates said created bingo card to said electronic play station, wherein said
at least one called number is compared to said bingo card to determine whether said at least
10 one called number establishes at least one of a game-ending pattern or an interim pattern on
said bingo card.

34. An apparatus as set forth in claim 32 wherein said electronic play station
further comprises a controller for creating a bingo card, wherein said at least one called
number is compared to said bingo card to determine whether said at least one called number
15 establishes at least one of a game-ending pattern or an interim pattern on said bingo card.

35. An apparatus as set forth in claim 34 wherein said server compares said at
least one called number to said bingo card to determine whether at least one of said game-
ending pattern or said interim pattern has been established on said bingo card.

36. An apparatus as set forth in claim 34 wherein said controller of said
20 electronic play station compares said at least one called number to said bingo card to
determine whether at least one of said game-ending pattern or said interim pattern has been
established on said bingo card.

37. An apparatus as set forth in claim 36 wherein said controller of said
electronic play station is in operative communication with said mechanical technological
25 aid of said electronic play station for displaying said result of said bingo-type game.

38. An apparatus as set forth in claim 32 wherein said server and said electronic
play station communicate via an Ethernet network.

39. An apparatus as set forth in claim 32 wherein said server generates a
plurality of called numbers.

40. An apparatus as set forth in claim 39 wherein said called numbers are

generated by said server at the same time.

41. An apparatus as set forth in claim 39 wherein said called numbers are generated by said server in succession.

5 42. An apparatus as set forth in claim 32 wherein said server is local relative to said electronic play station.

43. An apparatus as set forth in claim 32 wherein said server is remote relative to said electronic play station.

10 44. An apparatus as set forth in claim 34 wherein said electronic play station further comprises a video display section and a mechanical display section with said bingo card and said at least one called number displayed on said video display section and with said mechanical technological aid disposed within said mechanical display section.

45. A method of playing said bingo-type game with the apparatus of claim 32.

46. A program product for playing a bingo-type game wherein said program product code is stored on computer readable media and comprises:

a result program code for generating a result of the bingo-type game; and

5 a display program code for displaying a representation of the result through a mechanical technological aid at an electronic play station.